

DOCTORAL SEMINAR

PEDAGOGY OF DISCOMFORT AND INTERCULTURALITY IN SUPERDIVERSE EDUCATIONAL CONTEXTS

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U6 9.30-13.30 Aula Riunioni

Introduzione

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The seminar will address the challenges, successes, and unintended consequences involved in cross-cultural research collaborations and methodologies, considering the researchers' lived experiences through Foucault's (1997) ethic of discomfort. An "ethic of discomfort" is based on the idea that emotional discomfort of the unsettling or unstable grounds and events of intercultural research is not something to be avoided or dismissed, but instead to be embraced as a path towards a deeper interrogation of ethical data collection, trustworthiness, subjectify, and critical analysis. From this space, one can recognize the tenuous and socially constructed nature of these research certainties and explore the nature and origin of their intercultural and global research boundaries. We consider how discomfort can be marshalled for greater insights when negotiating methods of data collection, entering unfamiliar social cultural research contexts, co-constructing human subject "ethics," and navigating dialogue and interactions during fieldwork and analysis. By exposing methodological struggles, conflicts, and biases, we uncover the hidden, and even unspoken, lived experiences of establishing and maintaining collaborative research in superdiverse educational contexts.

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